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Confirmation No.: **3842**

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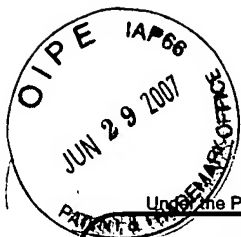
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	127	NIKOLIC et al; U.S. Pat. App. #11/640,469, entitled "Cardiac device and methods of use thereof," filed 12/14/2006 (SLG #10078-701.508).	

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